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AID/W FOR ADAMS

DAKAR, NIAMEY AND YAOUNDE FOR ADO

PARIS FOR HELMAN

ROME FOR FODAG

EO 11652 NA

SUB: SAHEL TASK FORCE REPORT NR. 1-FAO

1. SUMMARY: WELL RECEIVED/ORGANIZED FAO/TASK FORCE  
DISCUSSIONS SEPTEMBER 17 SEEN AS GENERALLY USEFUL  
FIRST STEP IN MEETING TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL  
REQUIREMENTS. FAO SOURCES/MATERIAL RANGE FROM  
EXCELLENT (WEATHER, BIOMEDICAL, SOILS) TO POOR  
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(WATER). FAO WELCOMES U.S. COORDINATION/PARTICIPATION.

2. YRIART/HARTMANS ORGANIZED EFFECTIVE FULL-DAY SESSIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL STAFF AND DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL TIME IN MEETINGS WITH FEI/COX ON FAO DIRECTIONS RE: SAHEL ACTIVITY. THE GENERAL FAO FRAMEWORK:

A. ENVISAGES AN INCREASINGLY STRONG COORDINATING ROLE FOR PIC WITH KONATE AS ADVISOR TO DAKOURE:

B. PENDING AN EFFECTIVE PIC ROLE, FAO DOES NOT SEE INTEGRATED SAHEL PROGRAMS BUT RATHER PARALLEL BILATERAL ACTIVITY, EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN CROPS AND LIVESTOCK, AND, ESPECIALLY, THE INTRODUCTION OF MIXED FARMING AND ANIMAL TRACTION AS ONE WAY OF ATTACKING THE PROBLEM, BUT DISCOUNTING TSETSE FLY CLEARANCE AS UNREALISTIC GIVEN PRESENT FINANCIAL/TIME CONSTRAINTS:

C. WILL MAINTAIN A MAJOR INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM TO IDENTIFY MEDIUM-TERM RECOVERY/REHABILITATION PROJECTS IN A PERSPECTIVE OF LONGER RANGE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. THE PROJECT WAS INITIATED AND FUNDED BY SWEDEN WHICH IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM OTHER SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES--THE TEAM, HEADED BY FORMER FAO DEVELOPMENT CHIEF TERVER EXPECTS TO BE IN SAHEL O/A OCTOBER 15, 1973. COMMENT: SEE NEED TO COORDINATE WITH STOCKHOLM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE RE SWEDISH STUDIES.

NOTE: FRAMEWORK FOR STUDY NOT REPEAT NOT IDENTICAL TO U.S. LONG-TERM STUDY;

D. COULD EMPLOY ERTS-TYPE DATE IMAGERY TO DEVELOP FAO'S LIMITED DATE BASE AND IN ANALYSIS OF DROUGHT EFFECTS. COMMENT: THIS IS AREA WHERE, IN VIEW U.S. LEAD, AND INTEGRATED ERTS PROGRAM SHOULD BE INITIATED REGIONALLY AND INCLUDE ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS OF SAHEL COUNTRIES AND DONOR AGENCIES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. YRIART/HARTMANS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT TASK FORCE WILL PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON FINDINGS TO THEM AND SWEDISH TEAM AFTER FIELD TRIP, AND THAT THEY WELCOMED A CLOSELY COORDINATED COOPERATIVE EFFORT. TEAM ASSURED OF FURTHER COOPERATION FAO REPS IN FIELD. COMMENT: FAO, CLEARLY DESIROUS LEADING AND COORDINATING ROLE, FEARED COOPERATION DIFFICULTIES

WITH FAC/FED.

4. WHILE SOME SECTORS WELL RESEARCHED WITH DETAILED TECHNICAL BACKUP, TWO CRITICAL AREAS OF FAO BACKGROUND DISTINCTLY TROUBLESOME. FIRST, FAO HAS NO ACCURATE NOR CONSISTENT FIGURES ON FOOD SHORTAGES. FOOD BALANCE OFFICE, NUTRITION OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATION HAVE THREE CONFLICTING ESTIMATES AND VIEWS OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EACH. AS A RESULT, FAO DOES NOT APPEAR ABLE TO ACCURATELY ESTIMATE EXTENT OF FOOD SHORTAGE NOR PROVIDE RELIABLE HARVEST PROJECTIONS. SECONDLY, FAO LIVESTOCK STUDIES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED LARGELY WITHOUT ANY REAL INTEGRATION WITH PLANNING WATER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS WHICH ARE PURVIEW OF UNDP/UNESCO. WATER PROJECTS HAVE LARGELY BEEN FUNDED BY FED/FAC. FAO TENTATIVE LIVESTOCK VIEWS THEREFORE ESSENTIALLY DEVELOPED WITH MAJOR LIMITATION, AND WOULD APPEAR TO NEED PRIORITY COORDINATION WATER DEVELOPMENTS INPUTS. COMMENT: IN THIS CONNECTION, AID/W MAY WISH TO SUGGEST TO MORSE, UN, THAT HIS OFFICE EXAMINE ON A PRIORITY BASIS, COORDINATION REQUIREMENTS WITH UNDP/UNESCO/FAO RE INTEGRATION OF LIVESTOCK-RANGE MANAGEMENT-WATER DEVELOPMENT PLANNING. THIS OBVIOUS ROLE FOR UN SAHEL OFFICE WOULD ACCELERATE FIRM, REALISTIC PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT.

5. IN ADDITION TO GENERAL INFORMATION, TEAM MEMBERS OBTAINED SOME INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE PROJECTS BY SECTOR, REFLECTING ITEMS IN SHOPPING LIST OF PIC OUAGADOUGOU MEETING. DATA SCATTERED AND UNEVEN. TEAM WILL ATTEMPT CHECK OUT INFO AS WE PROCEED.  
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